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BOOKS RECEIVED

[The more important books in this list will be reviewed at length]

HISTORY OF RELIGIONS

CANNEY, MAURICE A. *An Encyclopaedia of Religions*. London: Geo. Routledge & Sons, 1921. ix+397 pages. \$10.00.

A comprehensive dictionary of religious terms covering the whole field of the history of religions.

CROOKE, WILLIAM. *Islam in India* (New Ed.). London: Oxford University Press, 1921. xl+374 pages.

A revised, rearranged, and enlarged edition of a work originally published in 1832 dealing with the religious customs of the Moslems of South India. Dr. Crooke's extensive knowledge of India has made this edition of the old work a trustworthy source of information regarding Moslem faith and custom in India as a whole.

DE VAUX, CARRA. *Les Penseurs de L'Islam*. Vol. I. *Les Souverains, L'Histoire et la Philosophie Politique*. Paris: Paul Geuthner, 1921. vii+383 pages. Fr. 12.50.

The first of a series of five volumes which will give an appreciative insight into the political, intellectual, and religious life of the Moslem Empire. The author does not attempt a complete catalogue of the thinkers of Islam but selects representative individuals. This volume deals with the rulers (beginning with the Abbassides), the historians, and the political philosophers.

DE VAUX, CARRA. *Les Penseurs de L'Islam*. Vol. II. *Les Géographes, Les Sciences Mathématiques et Naturelles*. Paris: Paul Geuthner, 1921. 400 pages. Fr. 12.50.

The second of a five-volume work dealing with the creative minds of Islam. This volume is devoted to the scientists and covers the fields of geography, mathematics, mechanics, astronomy, medicine, natural history, mineralogy, and alchemy.

FARNELL, LEWIS RICHARD. *Greek Hero Cults and Ideas of Immortality*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1921. xv+434 pages.

A comprehensive presentation and scientific interpretation of data respecting the worship of the dead and deification of the human being among the Greeks throughout the whole course of their history.

MCGOVERN, W. M. *An Introduction to Mahāyāna Buddhism*. London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., New York: Dutton, 1922. iv+233 pages. \$3.00.

An attempt to familiarize the general reader with the thought-forms of the Buddhism of China and Japan. A brief sketch of the history of Buddhism is added.

WIDE, S., and NILSSON, M. P. *Griechische und römische Religion* (Gercke-Norden, Einleitung in die Altertumswissenschaft, Bd. II, Heft 4). Leipzig: Teubner, 1922. 215-316 pages. \$1.30.

Interpretation of the origins of the Greek and Roman religions in the light of archaeology; and a reinterpretation of their developments.

YAMABE, S., and BECK, L. ADAMS. *Buddhist Psalms*. Translated from the Japanese of Shinran Shōnin. New York: Dutton, 1921. 91 pages. \$1.35.

A new volume in the valuable "Wisdom of the East" series presenting a translation of the devotional writings of the great twelfth-century leader of Amitabha Buddhism in Japan.

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

BUCKHAM, JOHN WRIGHT. *Religion as Experience*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1922. 128 pages. \$1.00.

Essays by a devout, open-minded mystic, who recognizes frankly that religion must face the facts of natural science, history, and psychology, but who persuasively contends for the reality of religion as an experienced relationship to an Infinite Personality.

GRASS, KONRAD. *Linien idealistischer Weltanschauung*. Leipzig: A. Deichert, 1921. 77 pages. M. 12.

A popular exposition of an idealistic philosophy, culminating in an earnest plea for the supreme place of Jesus as an interpreter of life. The author writes from the University of Dorpat, sadly shaken by the war, and is specifically concerned to combat materialism and bolshevism.

HOLMES, EDMOND. *All Is One*. New York: Dutton, 1922. 115 pages. \$1.90.

An argument for a Higher Pantheism based upon a personal conviction of its truth achieved in a mystic experience.

JONES, HENRY. *A Faith That Enquires*. New York: Macmillan, 1922. x+278 pages. \$2.00.

The Gifford Lectures for the years 1920 and 1921. The thesis of the book is that critical, exacting inquiry is to be heartily welcomed in the field of religion, for the fundamental affirmations of religious faith are emphatically reasonable. "Let a man seek God by the way of pure reason and he will find him." The type of religious philosophy thus reached is an Absolutist idealism with strong emphasis on the supreme value of moral activity.

SEEBERG, ERICH. *Zur Frage der Mystik*. Leipzig: A. Deichert, 1921. 46 pages. M. 9.

A contribution to the solution of the problem of mysticism. This essay presents a careful analysis of typical representatives of Christian Mysticism of the seventeenth century.

WELLS, WESLEY RAYMOND. *The Biological Foundations of Belief*. Boston: Gorham Press, 1921. ix+124 pages. \$2.00.

A suggestive volume, made up largely of articles previously published in psychological and philosophical journals, interpreting the significance of beliefs in terms of behaviorism. The biological value of beliefs may be thus investigated without the complication of the question of metaphysical truth.

WRIGHT, WILLIAM KELLY. *A Student's Philosophy of Religion*. New York: Macmillan, 1922. xii+472 pages. \$3.75.

Intended as a textbook to guide students, this volume studies first the historical expressions and forms of religion, then its psychological interpretation, and finally its philosophical problems. It is written in an objective spirit with positive sympathy for religious values. It is a pioneer volume in a field already assuming great educational importance.

BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

GOGUEL, MAURICE. *Introduction au Nouveau Testament, Tome III. Le Livre des Actes*. Paris: E. Leroux, 1922. 376 pages. 6 fr.

A concise statement of current critical opinions on the various problems of "introduction" connected with a study of Acts.

HARRISON, P. N. *The Problem of the Pastoral Epistles*. London: Oxford University Press, 1921. ix+184 pages. 12s. 6d.

An effort to reconstruct, mainly on the basis of linguistic considerations, the genuine Pauline fragments that are supposed to have been incorporated in the Pastoral Epistles, whose final composition is assigned to the reigns of Trajan and Hadrian.

MOFFATT, JAMES. *The Approach to the New Testament*. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1921. New York: Doran, 1922. 240 pages. \$3.00.

The author outlines the characteristics of the New Testament writings, sketches the history of the New Testament in the church, and defines the task of the historical student with concrete examples. The book is intended to help the modern man to a right use of the New Testament in relation to the questions of our own day.

MOULTON, R. G. (Ed.) *The Modern Reader's Bible for Schools: The Old Testament*. New York: Macmillan, 1922. ix+536 pages. \$2.50.

This volume presents the text of the Old Testament in abbreviated form and arranged according to the literary analysis worked out by Dr. Moulton. In so far as it leads to a better acquaintance with the Old Testament it will of course render valuable service; but the editor's literary arrangements must not be taken too seriously.

PETERS, JOHN P. *The Psalms as Liturgies*. Being the Paddock Lectures for 1920. New York: Macmillan, 1922. 494 pages. \$4.00.

An introduction to the Book of Psalms, stressing their liturgical use, together with a new translation of and brief comments upon each psalm.

SMITH, J. M. POWIS. *The Religion of the Psalms*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1922. ix+170 pages. \$1.75.

A brief statement of the leading religious sentiments and ideas found in the Psalter. It is written with a view to the needs of the intelligent layman.

SMITH, ROBINSON. *The Solution of the Synoptic Problem*. London: Watts & Co., 1922. viii+299 pages. 10s.

A second but not extensively altered edition of the same work that was reviewed in the *Journal of Religion*, I (1921), 655-57.

HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

BAUMGARTEN, OTTO. *Religiöses und kirchliches Leben in England*. Leipzig: Teubner, 1922. iv+122 pages. \$0.80.

An attempt to analyze the religious life of England and to discover what elements therein contributed to the defeat of Germany.

An English Translation of the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; New York: Macmillan, 1921. 15 pages. 3d.

A reprint, with slight revisions, of an earlier English translation by Bigg.

GRÜTZMACHER, R. H. *Kritiker und Neuschöpfer der Religion im zwanzigsten Jahrhundert.* Leipzig: A. Deichert, 1921. 92 pages. M. 18.

Brief interpretations of the achievements and the significance of Keyserling, Leopold Ziegler, Blüher, Chamberlain, R. Steiner, Scheler, H. Scholz, and A. Hauck.

LEISHMAN, JAMES FLEMING. *Matthew Leishman of Govan.* Paisley: Alexander Gardner, 1921. 259 pages. 10s. 6d.

A biography of Matthew Leishman (1794-1874), throwing valuable light upon the evangelical movement in the Established Church of Scotland and the circumstances connected with the rupture in 1843.

MASON, A. J. *Fifty Spiritual Homilies of St. Macarius the Egyptian.* London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1921. li+316 pages.

A new English translation based upon fresh textual study of these ascetic writings which the translator is disposed to regard as genuine works of Macarius.

MOORE, HERBERT. *The Dialogue of Palladius Concerning the Life of Chrysostom.* London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1921. xxv+213 pages.

The importance of this document for students of the life of Chrysostom makes this new English translation exceptionally valuable.

ROSENBERGER, JESSE L. *Through Three Centuries.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1922. xii+407 pages. \$2.50.

A well-written biographical study of Nathaniel Colver, Charles Kendrick Colver, Susan Esther Colver, and Jesse L. Rosenberger. Considerable light is thrown upon phases of local Baptist history and the development of the University of Chicago. A useful bibliography is appended.

STROHL, HENRI. *L'Evolution religieuse de Luther Jusqu'en 1515.* Strasbourg: Librairie Istra, 1922. 7+174 pages. Fr. 7.50.

A study of Luther's convent experience, the influence of Staupitz, of his trip to Rome, and of Augustinianism. A bibliography of Luther literature between 1883-1900 is given.

DOCTRINAL

BRYAN, WILLIAM JENNINGS. *In His Image.* New York: Revell, 1922. 266 pages. \$1.75.

Lectures delivered at Union Theological Seminary, Wilmington, North Carolina, on the James Sprunt foundation. The lecturer defends the authority of the Bible, which is to be accepted as a final court of appeal; attacks the doctrine of evolution as contrary to Scripture and subversive of faith; defends the deity of Christ; and sets forth the values of the Christian life. The lectures are in Mr. Bryan's well-known rhetorical style, and are racy reading, whatever may be thought of the critical validity of his position.

CROSS, GEORGE. *Creative Christianity*. New York: Macmillan, 1922. 164 pages. \$1.50.

The Nathaniel W. Taylor lectures delivered at Yale in 1921. As the title indicates, Christianity is interpreted as a creative spiritual movement in contrast to the conception of a religion bound to conform to certain officially fixed standards. The application of this principle in the realm of New Testament interpretation and in the field of Christian doctrine is worked out with great insight and suggestiveness.

DOUGLAS, C. E. *The Redemption of the Body*. London: Faith Press, 1922. iii+70 pages. 2s.

Four lectures defending the doctrine of the resurrection of the body, prefaced by a somewhat whimsical review by Hakluyt Egerton of the attempt by Mr. Douglas to secure the condemnation of Mr. Major (editor of the *Modern Churchman*) for his rejection of the doctrine of bodily resurrection.

DROWN, EDWARD S. *The Creative Christ*. New York: Macmillan, 1922. 167 pages. \$1.25.

Professor Drown in this exposition retains the vocabulary of the traditional Christology, but seeks to avoid the abstract metaphysics and the controversial aspects of the doctrine. Christ is the unique human person whose life so completely expressed the moral purposes of God that he is the creative source of religious life in his disciples. The incarnation is a spiritual reality.

GALER, ROGER SHERMAN. *A Layman's Religion*. Boston: Universalist Publishing House, 1921. 111 pages. \$1.00.

A series of short, wholesome discussions on various aspects of religion, attempting to interpret the activities and aims of Christianity without the entangling complications of too much theology.

IHMELS, LUDWIG. *Wer war Jesus? Was wollte Jesus?* Leipzig: A. Deichert, 1921. 66 pages. M. 8.

A revised public lecture aiming at edification rather than critical discussion.

IHMELS, LUDWIG. *Die Auferstehung Jesu Christi*. Leipzig: A. Deichert, 1921. 46 pages. M. 6.

A defense of belief in the resurrection of Jesus mainly on the ground of its religious worth.

MACKINTOSH, H. R. *The Divine Initiative*. London: Student Christian Movement, 1921. 103 pages. \$1.25.

A little book giving the substance of lectures given in London at a school for missionaries on furlough. It interprets religion as the response of a divinely created spiritual nature in man to the revelation of God given in Christ.

MAJOR, H. D. A. *A Resurrection of Relics*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1922. xv+91 pages. 2s.

A reply by H. D. A. Major to a charge preferred against him relative to the doctrine of the resurrection, in which a brief survey is made of the views held by outstanding Fathers of the Church—Origen, Clement Martyr, Augustine, Jerome—and representative Anglican clergymen of today—Maurice, Gore, Henson, and others.

PEAKE, ARTHUR S. *Christianity, Its Nature and Its Truth*. New York: Doran. xxii+298 pages. \$2.50.

A tenth edition of a book which has had an unusually wide reading. It is an apologetic of a distinctly conservative type, written in charming style, and dealing explicitly with most of the difficulties which conservative theology must face in an age of criticism.

SCHAEFER, ERICH. *Die Sündlosigkeit Jesu*. Leipzig: A. Deichert, 1921. 40 pages. M. 6.

Two addresses at a church conference in Jena in April, 1921. The sinlessness of Jesus is shown to be a historical fact on the basis of the Gospel records. This sinlessness is shown to be essential if Jesus actually brings the power of God for our salvation.

TEMPLE, WILLIAM. *The Universality of Christ*. New York: Doran, 1922. 144 pages. \$1.25.

Four lectures delivered at the Conference of the Student Christian Movement at Glasgow in January, 1921. They consist of closely reasoned philosophical interpretations in which the ultimate reality is discovered to be the God of Christian faith, and Christ the revelation of God.

VEDDER, HENRY C. *The Fundamentals of Christianity*. New York: Macmillan, 1922. xxiii+250 pages. \$2.00.

An exposition of the teachings of Jesus and of Paul, with an attempt to discriminate between historically incidental phases of doctrine and the vital content. The author takes sharp issue with those who insist on a literalistic use of Scripture and who identify the fundamentals of Christianity with certain doctrinal tenets open to serious criticism. He insists that Jesus alone is the standard by which to test Christianity.

WILLIAMS, HORACE BLAKE. *Fundamentals of Faith in the Light of Modern Thought*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1922. 181 pages. \$1.25.

A well-written popular exposition of central aspects of the Christian religious experience in which disputed theological matters are excluded and the argument developed on the basis of undeniable spiritual values.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BENTON, RITA. *Shorter Bible Plays*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1922. 135 pages. \$1.25.

A book splendidly prepared mechanically with good paper, print, and illustrations, showing how to use the dramatic impulse in religious education. The following are worked out for use in pageantry with costume designs and stagecraft all explained: "Noah's Flood"; "The Proving of Abraham"; "Moses in the Bulrushes"; "Up, Up from Egypt to the Promised Land"; "The Call of Samuel"; "David and Goliath"; "The Judgment of Solomon"; "The Good Samaritan"; "Manger Service."

BETTS, ANNA F. *The Mother-Teacher of Religion*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1922. 290 pages. \$2.00.

The fundamental difficulty which confronts all people who are trying to provide for the adequate development of the religious life of children and youth is the lack of some uniformity in the foundations on which they are to build. Mrs. Betts would have religious education begin with the infant and continue as steadily during the first

three years of life as afterward. Her book is full of helpful suggestions for the cultivation of attitudes and the development of religious concepts upon the basis of which future religious education may be soundly built. Her suggestions of books on supplies are particularly valuable to the mother who does not know where to turn for such assistance as she needs.

GRANT, FREDERICK C. *The Life and Times of Jesus*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1922. 164 pages. \$1.00.

The Teacher's Manual for *The Life and Times of Jesus* by Frederick C. Grant. The book shows how to proceed in handling the materials for the class. The work is still based upon the informational psychology approach with the emphasis on "the pupil's acquisition of correct and useful knowledge of the life of Jesus and the times in which he lived" with the hope that there will result the development of right attitudes, ideals, and standards of living.

KNOTT, LAURA A. *Student's History of the Hebrews*. New York: Abingdon Press, 1922. 413 pages. \$2.00.

A set of sixty-two lessons covering the history of Israel down to the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. The results of modern criticism are accepted. The lessons are in each case closed by a short list of questions. Twenty colored maps and sixty half-tone illustrations, most of them from photographs by Professor I. J. Peritz, add interest and freshness to the treatment.

REIZENSTEIN, JENNIE. *Rabbinic Wisdom*. Cincinnati: The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1921. vii+155 pages. \$1.50

A collection of stories and parables from the rabbinical writings. They furnish interesting illustrative matter for the inculcation of moral and spiritual truths. The book is especially adapted to use in Jewish schools, but would bring fresh interest likewise into Christian classes.

RICHMOND, MARY E. *What Is Social Case-Work?* New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1922. 268 pages. \$1.00.

A very readable and stimulating description of social case-work as "personality" engineering. The author causes one to feel the very heart-beat of the friendly relations essential on the part of the case-worker. She looks upon case-work as developing "personality through adjustments consciously effected, individual by individual, between men and their social environment." The author gives a number of examples of social case-work showing that "by direct and indirect insight, and direct and indirect action upon the minds of clients, their social relations can be improved and their personalities developed." Social case-work demands scientific understanding, genuine social skill, and a heart to serve. One of the best features of the book is the analysis of Miss Sullivan's methods with Helen Keller. Religious educators will get much from this little book.

SELLIN, ERNST. *Das Alte Testament und die evangelische Kirche der Gegenwart*. Leipzig: A. Deichert, 1921. 103 pages. M. 14.

A brief sketch of the Old Testament religion from the point of view of its value in the religious education of the Protestant church.

STEVENSON, J. SINCLAIR. *Sheila's Missionary Adventures*. London: James Clarke & Co. 180 pages. 4s. Boston: Pilgrim Press, \$1.50.

An attempt, in story form, to help the modern boy or girl to enter sympathetically into the actual everyday life and work of the missionaries in India, and to see how much fun and adventure lie hidden there for those who care to look for it.

STOUT, JOHN ELBERT. *Organization and Administration of Religious Education.*

New York: Abingdon Press, 1922. 287 pages. \$1.50.

The author, formerly an active public school administrator and then a professor of educational administration, is now the professor of religious educational administration at Northwestern University. With this background, he applies the experience of public education to the problems of religious education. The church is studied as an instrument of social service. The author sets forth the aims of religious education, the problems involved in an adequate program, analyzes the task of organizing the community for religious education, giving representative plans now in use with officers needed, qualifications, etc., evaluates the community week-day school movement, giving examples of the varied experiments and problems involved, sets forth the influence of the week-day movement on the present church school, gives a splendid treatment of the administration, training, selection, and supervision of teachers. The book is a summary of religious educational effort to date and a prophetic statement of the administrative problems involved. It marks a distinct advance in the religious educational development in the United States.

PERSONAL AND PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

DARBY, JAMES E. *Jesus an Economic Mediator.* New York: Revell, 1922.

256 pages. \$1.50.

A popular book expounding in various aspects the thesis that Jesus furnishes the way in which all clashes of interest may be adjusted so as to give to every man and every class of men what is morally right. Idealistic and enthusiastic, the author passes lightly over the technical difficulties in the way of translating good motives into actual social reconstruction.

DRESSER, HORATIO W. *Spiritual Health and Healing.* New York: Crowell,

1922. xiii+314 pages. \$2.00.

Another book by this leader of "New Thought" setting forth the philosophy of sound health and spiritual wholesomeness through the practice of right thinking in terms of a mystic relationship to divine power.

HOBHOUSE, L. T., and OTHERS. *Property, Its Rights and Duties.* New York:

Macmillan, 1922. xxiv+243 pages. \$2.00.

A new edition of the valuable discussion of the historical evolution and moral aspects of the idea of property. L. T. Hobhouse, Hastings Rashdall, A. D. Lindsay, Vernon Bartlet, A. J. Carlyle, H. G. Wood, and Henry Scott Holland were contributors to the original volume. An additional essay by W. M. Geldart on "Some Aspects of the Law of Property in England" appears in this edition.

HUCKEL, OLIVER. *The Habit of Health.* New York: Crowell, 1922. 128

pages. \$1.00.

Wholesome suggestions for the cultivation of good psychic attitudes in the interests of both mental and bodily health.

PARKS, LEIGHTON. *The Crisis of the Churches.* New York: Scribner, 1922.

xxx+256 pages. \$2.50.

A stirring appeal from a great preacher. Dr. Parks, rector of St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City, writes with refreshing candor and insight. He completely repudiates the exclusive conception of the church so commonly asserted by Anglicans. He warmly commends the full validity of non-episcopal ministry. After this cordial attitude, his defense of the peculiar and necessary mission of his own church is thought-provoking and wholesome.

PYM, T. W. *Psychology and the Christian Life*. New York: Doran, 1922. xii+175 pages. \$1.50.

A clearly written book intended to show how some of the results of modern psychology can be profitably employed both by individuals seeking a wholesome spiritual attitude and by ministers in their "cure of souls." The applications are all familiar to the psychological expert, but are here explained in so simple a fashion as to bear out the author's assertion that psychological control is just a reinforcement of common sense.

ROBERTSON, JAMES ALEX. *Concerning the Soul*. London: James Clarke & Co. 256 pages. \$2.25.

A fascinating book, setting forth in popular style the dignity and the spiritual reaches of personal consciousness. Literature, history, and everyday experience are laid under tribute, and the mystic suggestions of deeper religious living are unusually potent. The chapters are not formally sermons, but the content is preaching at its best.

MISCELLANEOUS

GEISTER, EDNA. *It Is to Laugh*. New York: Doran: 1922. 141 pages. \$1.25.

Another book of games and stunts by the well-known author of *Ice-breakers*. It is full of suggestions sure to make any party of unacquainted people soon feel the warmth of an enjoyable social group.

A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER. *Painted Windows*. New York: Putnam, 1922. xxi+229 pages. \$2.50.

Brilliantly written sketches of the character and the religious attitudes of several of the leading figures in church circles in England. It is the ecclesiastical counterpart of *The Mirrors of Downing Street*.

THOMPSON, E. J. *Rabindranath Tagore, His Life and Work*. London: Oxford University Press, 1921. xi+112 pages. 2s. 6d.

This little book is undoubtedly the best critical estimate of the great Bengali poet and seer that has yet appeared in English. It is an introduction to the message and meaning of Tagore.